GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:75
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2002
ADULT LITERACY
SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of adult literacy in the country as per the latest census, State-wise;

(b) the rank of India in the world in this matter;

(c) whether the Government propose to start new programmes in the country to improve the rate of adult literacy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.75 (H) TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2002 ASKED BY SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

(a) The State-wise literacy rates in the country as per the 2001 Census (Provisional) are annexed.

(b) According to the data on adult literacy rate available from the UNDP Human Development Report 2001, India was at 123rd position out of 162 countries listed in the Report. The data on adult literacy in the aforesaid report pertains to the year 1999.

(c)&(d) The National Literacy Mission seeks to attain full literacy i.e. sustainable threshold level of 75 per cent by 2005.It seeks to achieve this goal by imparting functional literacy to non-literates in 15-35 age group. Steps taken to give greater thrust to remove illiteracy include revision of National Literacy Mission (NLM) parameters and enhancement of financial norms; integration of phases of Total Literacy and Post Literacy; delegation of powers to State Literacy Mission Authorities; enlarging the scope of Continuing Education; strengthening of Jan Shikshan Sansthans and extending their activities in rural areas; revitalizing State Resource Centres for preparation of better teaching learning materials and improved quality of training. The National Open School is also providing resource support for literacy programmes. In addition to the above, programmes on literacy are being broadcast on the F.M. Channel and on All India Radio regularly.

LITERACY RATES - 2001 CENSUS (PROVISIONAL)

ANNEXURE

S.NO	STATE/UT	LITERACY RATE
1.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	54.46
2.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	77.13
3	PUNJAB	69.95
4	CHANDIGARH	81.76
5	UTTARANCHAL	72.28
6	HARYANA	68.59
7	DELHI	81.82
8	RAJASTHAN	61.03
9	UTTAR PRADESH	57.36
10	BIHAR	47.53

11	SIKKIM	69.68
12	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	54.74
13	NAGALAND	67.11
14	MANIPUR	68.87
15	MIZORAM	88.49
16	TRIPURA	73.66
17	MEGHALAYA	63.31
18	ASSAM	64.28
19	WEST BENGAL	69.22
20	JHARKHAND	54.13
21	ORISSA	63.61
22	CHATTISHGARH	65.18
23	MADHYA PRADESH	64.11
24	GUJARAT	69.97
25	DAMAN & DIU	81.09
26	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	60.03
27	MAHARASHTRA	77.27
28	ANDHRA PRADESH	61.11
29	KARNATAKA	67.04
30	GOA	82.32
31	LAKSHADWEEP	87.52
32	KERALA	90.92
33	TAMIL NADU	73.47
34	PONDICHERRY	81.49
35	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLAND	81.18

INDIA	65.38